THORNTON'S PAPER.

A Bright Essay on Fruit Growing for Profit.

The subject you have chosen for my address upon this occasion is one of more than ordinary interest to this union, and should be to the people of this entire valley. Under the present system of grain farming the close of the year sees most men as poor as when it began. This is not because of the poverty of the land, the insalubility of the climate, nor, because they do not just learned of a contract between toil long and hard enough. The a cannery and a large fruit grower from ten to twenty tons of fruit ture of the peach." Such testitwice as much maney in the mar- statement I have heretofore made. ket as the grain. Such being the

case then FRUIT GROWING FOR PROFIT Should become the watchword of every man and woman in this and most of all, Muir. Here is a valmuch favored spot. But, says the | nable hint for intending planters. objector, in the first place you If they need in Napa some large have overrated the profits, and in the second if everybody goes into ready have 54,966 trees, growing, the business it will be over done what are our are wants in Maricoand we shall all be ruined. This is the same old cry that has gone testimony before them there are up from California for the last too many people who have fears twenty years and yet no person that the business here will be has been ruined while the area of vines and trees has been extending in every direction until the valleys and mountain slopes present a twenty years ago Los Angeles magnificent sight with their burden of fruits, and the owners of these vineyards and orchards have flourished and waxed rich with the thousand hills. It was believed profits thereof. It is one of the laws of trade that where it is difficult to find a market for a small quantity of a commodity multiply of the orange, grape, pench, prune the supply and there will be a demand for all, and more too. Such has been and still is the condition of the fruit market of California. held them until the tide turned in and such will be the condition of affairs here.

To-day there is not one orchard where on consecutive days one can be picked for shipping, or to thousand pounds per day overstocks? In order to make the proven, that, with water added, to business profitable there must be have a value of one hundred dolsystem in planting. To many va- lars per acre unimproved. A like rieties is one of the rocks that will condition of affairs prevails in cause the effort to fail. Planters | many other counties in the state. should become specialists to a In what respect are we of this great extent. Many acres of one, valley behind the most favored two or three, at most, choice vari- spot on the American continent? eties will always command remun- In climate, Arizona is not excelled. erative prices. The man who The very heat that there is so

impress it upon your minds, that is from two weeks to one month quantity of a desirable fruit is ahead of California. This one one of the chief elements that item gives us a superlative advanenter into the question. You tage, for our fruits will enter the must make the quantity the markets when they are bare and chief object, either in handling the people are looking for somethe crop yourselves or for its sale. thing fresh. Then, lastly we are at Denem, Arizona, on the twentieth (20) If you intend to ship green then thirty-six hours nearer the eastern you must be prepared to do so in markets than Los Angeles, the Collector of Special School Tax. District car load lats in order to derive the most favored locality of California greatest benefit from low freights in that respect, which is another and quick returns from your com- great thing in our favor. With mission merchants. If for drying the completion of the Maricopa or canning, it comes in together and Phenix railway we will be, in such quantities that you can practically on the main thoroughafford to put on a large force until fare between the Atlantic and Fayour crop is disposed of. If you cific sea boards. With all these desire to sell upon the trees there things favoring us, Mr. President is an object for dealers to pay you and gentlemen, I ask what is there the top price of the market be- to prevent fruit growing with procause of the economy in handling. fit in Maricopa county.

Now to get back to objection number one, that I have over-estimated the profits of the business. Let us see. It is conceded on all sides that there is no spot where fruit trees thrive better and bear ale at Paris. It is so large that more abundantly than in Salt ri- nobody knows how many books it at four years old should bear not been all catalogued or counted, ver valley. A well ffrown peach less than 100 pounds of good and when the classification of a fruit; in its sixth year 300. Now great library falls behind it takes I am not going to make mention some time to get it in order, esof its second and third years bear- pecially when no attempt is made ing but will start with the fourth. to bring up the arrears. Carrent \$\int 1,000 As to the distrace I should reco- works and new acquisitions are cattle, and will pay Sid mend planting, 14x14 feet; you now catalogued in this library as will get 200 trees to the acre after received, but many old collections leaving your roads through your -- amongst others, the official docuorchards. We will estimate on ments relating to the revolutionthe basis of ruling contracts in still lie unassorted. Mere bulk, California for five years ahead, at then, goes for little, unless it is two and one half (21) cents per accompanied with utility. As to pound. The fourth year with a this, and as to the accommodation yield of 100 lbs per tree we find it provides for readers, the French the gross receipts reach \$500 per National Library is a long way being Is this too much? Then te acre. Is this too much? Then re British Museum, and vexatious re duce it one half and we have \$250 strictions and needless formalities per acre. Is it safe to say that meet the readers at every turn, one half of this amount will be The earliest nuclus of a national profit! I think so and believe that you will agree with me in this. Now we will pass to the sixth year served in the present collection. with a product of 200 lbs per tree. Ex.

pound we have \$7.50 per tree or \$1500 per acre. You will say again that is too much, and I again reduce it one half and what have we got. Seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars per acre! The greatest caviller will not have the effrontery to claim one half of this for cost of culture and disposition of the crop. We will give expense account credit for one third and credit profit with the remain-

Leonard Coats, a leading nurseryman and fruit grower in Nupa. Cal, says: "It must be a good many years before there will be peaches enough raised in Napa for even one local cannery. I have evil lies in the low price of grain near Vacaville, by which the latand hay as compared with that of ter's peaches are all bought for the price of fruit. The land that five years at 21 cents per pound. Lane Fisher, south-east quarter secwill scarce yield a ton of wheat or | An item life this shows how great | harley to the acre will turn off faith there is concerning the fuwhich, pound for pound, will bring mony more than corroborates the

He further says: "We need in Napa some large orchards of Fos ter, Early Crawford, Susquehannn, Seller's Cling, McKevett cling, orchards of peaches where they alpa county; With all this valuable overdone. Let us see what the constant "overdoing" of the business has done for California. Not county was known far and near as one of the "cow counties" where you could count cattle upon a to be good for little if anything else. A. M. Patterson, one-half interest in A few sanguine pioneens believed otherwise and commenced to plant apricot, nectarine, apples and pears. At first it was a discouraging business, but their faith uptheir favor and a grand metamorphosis commenced which has transformed the great ranges into smiling vineyards and blooming thousand pounds of any sort of fruit orchards, which have enriched the country as never did and never supply either a cannery or dryer. could her flocks and herds had This being the case, is it a wonder they held possession until doomsthat there is no market other than day. Lunds that ten years ago, the limited home one which a yes, fives years since, were considered almost worthless have been

makes a specialty of apricots can much talk about is conducive to hardly fail in making a fortune, the perfect growth and maturity provided he knows how to proper- of the choice varieties of grapes ly grow and train his trees. So also and standard fruits. In soil and with peaches, nectarines, pears, water for irrigation, no semi-tropic apples, quinces and pomegranates. country that I know of compares Again I will say, for I desire to with this. In time of ripening, it

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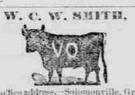
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